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Meeting with ~~BROCK~~ in Holland

1. Forwarded herewith is a Contact Report on a meeting I had with ~~BROCK~~ in The Hague on 8 November 1966. The meeting was cleared in advance with ~~C~~ and ~~L~~.
2. By chance ~~CASTROP~~ was in Berlin the day before I went to Holland and I advised him that I planned to call ~~BROCK~~. ~~CASTROP~~ made no comment and assumedly advised UTILITY of my intentions.
3. When I spoke to ~~BROCK~~, I told him of my conversation with ~~CASTROP~~ and suggested that he report our meeting to ~~CATUSK~~ Headquarters through his own channels. ~~BROCK~~ said he would do so.

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10. By this time BROCK was running out of new things to say about his situation and work in Holland, so I asked how things were getting along at CATUSK Headquarters. BROCK said there was essentially no change; the organization was as bankrupt as ever and would certainly remain so as long as UTILITY stayed in office. BROCK said he now sees UTILITY only every three months or so when he makes his periodic visits to Munich. The last time he saw UTILITY he was struck by the fact that UTILITY seemed to be aging very rapidly. During this meeting

[redacted] was also present and the conversation touched on the necessity of services like CATUSK and [redacted] to maintain excellent relations with WOFACT. UTILITY said he certainly agreed and for this reason had once selected the best man he could find in his service (an obvious reference to [redacted] to act as liaison officer to WOFACT. However, UTILITY added with some bitterness, WOFACT had decided that the officer he selected was not good enough for them. No more was said, but BROCK is sure from UTILITY's attitude that his feelings toward WOFACT have not changed for the better.

11. BROCK next commented on UTILITY's sensitivity to being called an American stooge and the postures he occasionally cuts to prove he isn't. BROCK said that a good rule of thumb in judging UTILITY's actions is the size of his audience. If he talks out after WOFACT in a loud voice before an audience he is doing it to demonstrate to other Germans that he is not a WOFACT puppet. If he calls in the WOFACT Chief of Station for a private conference and complains about something then he really means it.

12. I asked if BROCK had heard any recent rumors about who would replace UTILITY. BROCK said that UTILITY was still determined to remain in office as long as there was a breath in his body. He had even kept WAGNER, sick as he was, in office as vice-president in order to keep the question of new leadership for CATUSK from coming up. However, there continues to be a lot of speculation about his eventual successor, and most of this continued to revolve around General Gerhard WESSEL and HOLM. WESSEL seems to fear he is not going to get Graf von KIELMANSEGG's position and is actively campaigning for the job. However, HOLM has won a great deal of recognition for his ability to handle both WAGNER's job and his own and his chances are improving. The final choice between these two men and probably other candidates will depend on the political situation and new government in Bonn.

13. BROCK said UTILITY continues to wheel-and-deal with Bonn politicians in an effort to save his own job and protect CATUSK from criticism. Through HOLTEN, UTILITY recently established good relations with both STECINGER and Dr. BERGER, the former German Ambassador in The Hague and now chief of the Presidential Staff. BERGER was formerly BROCK's chief in Holland and BROCK introduced him to HOLTEN. Via HOLTEN, UTILITY has also succeeded in establishing contact with his old enemy, Franz Josef STRAUSS. UTILITY's good relations with KRONE deteriorated sharply during the last few months of the Erhard government. The cause of the trouble was KRONE's proselytizing a number of CATUSK officers to work for him. BROCK said he believed UTILITY had been glad to have trouble with KRONE and had deliberately exaggerated their quarrel. KRONE's

14. We talked next about a number of CATUSK officers known to both of us. BROCK said MOELLER is going to Spain. MOELLER voiced his hatred of UTILITY so loudly in CATUSK Headquarters that even the Putzfrau became aware of it and UTILITY had to ship him out. MEISSAU is still deluging CATUSK with the information he picks up in